GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:34
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2002
UPGRADATION OF ROADS TO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
GORDHANBHAI JAVIA;JAYABEN B. THAKKAR

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments particularly thatof Gujarat had requested the Union Government for upgradation ofState roads to National Highways;

(b) if so, the details with locations thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD. KHANDURI)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 34 FOR ANS ON 20.11.2002 ASKED BY SHRIMATI JAYABEN.B.THAKKAR AND SHRI G.J.JAVIYA REGARDING UPGRADATION OF R TO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS.

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. All the proposal received from the State Governments including that of Gujarat have been returned to them in June, 2002 for review based on the revised criteria for declaration of new National Highways. Presently, there is a ban on declaration of new National Highways due to fund constraints. The Government may however, consider declaration of a very limited length of a few State Highways as National Highways during the course of the 10th Five Year Plan, keeping in view the traffic needs, inter-se priority and availability of funds, after the ban is lifted.